



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number : 09/973,303
Filing Date : October 9, 2001
Inventor(s) : Nobuo Ogasawara
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED
PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT

Group Art Unit : 3627
Examiner Name : Andrew J. Fischer
Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179

Date: January 20, 2004

MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
(1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on October 30, 2003, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
_____ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on
_____ via Express Mail
_____ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
_____ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
(2) _____ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
_____ the Issue Fee has not been paid
_____ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
b. _____ Pending (with review proceeding active)
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

- a. Previously submitted
_____ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
_____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on

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- _____ Other:
b. Enclosed
 X Amendment/Reply
 _____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 _____ Information Disclosure Statement
 _____ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
 _____ Petition for Extension of Time
 _____ Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please address all correspondence to **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068.**

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

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PART I — BASIC FEE			
BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$385.00	Large Entity \$770.00	\$770.00

PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	15	*33	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	-0-
Independent Claims	2	**3	0	x \$43.00	x \$86.00	-0-
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$145.00	\$290.00	-0-
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$-0-
List Independent Claims: 1, 35						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)

A check for \$770.00 is enclosed.

- b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A **duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**

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